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SUBJECT: MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTS BILATERAL WITH
DEPUTY SECRETARY NEGROPONTE IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK

REF: BAMAKO 0802

¶1. During a meeting to discuss the situation in northern Mali with the Ambassador September 18 (septel), Malian Foreign Minister Moctar Ouane reiterated his intention to attend the UNGA in September (reftel). He also requested a bilateral meeting with Deputy Secretary Negroponte, either in Washington or on the margins of UNGA.

¶2. FM Ouane plans to be in New York and Washington from o/a September 28-October 3. Given recent events in northern Mali, we recommend this bilateral, if the Deputy Secretary's schedule permits.
McCulley